

who passed away on October 25th, 2016. Annie was a remarkable public servant who cared deeply for those in the community she served, and I am humbled to commemorate her life.

Annie Carter was born to Thomas and Rosa Bell Carter in Wilcox County, Alabama on February 16, 1941. She attended Snow Hill Institution Normal and graduated Industrial Institute in Snow Hill in 1960. Following her graduation, Annie went on to pursue a cosmetology license in Birmingham, Alabama. From there she began her career with Mutual Savings Insurance Company, where she spent more than twenty years before retiring as a district manager. In 2011, Annie was appointed to the Century Town Council. Annie was a dedicated and effective public servant, and she won the confidence of her constituents, as evidenced by her election to serve a second four-year term as a councilwoman.

In addition to her service to the Northwest Florida community, Annie was also a leader in the civic and religious community. For over sixty years, Annie remained a loyal and active member of the First Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Century, Florida. She served as church clerk for 28 years and in the church's senior choir for 19 years. She also served as the district missionary for the First West Florida District Association, corresponding secretary for the Evergreen District Congress of Christian Education and remained a faithful member of the Eastern Star. Caring for the community was more than a passion for Annie. In 2009, she and her husband opened their home as an outreach ministry for those in need of hot meals, transportation and spiritual guidance.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Annie Carter Savage. She will always be remembered by all of us in Northwest Florida as a true community leader. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for her husband, Deacon Lloyd Savage, three daughters; Lomonica Savage-Shoemo, Tarrant Savage, and Melody Trice; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and the entire Savage family as we remember and honor the life of Annie Carter Savage.

IN HONOR OF PASTOR MICHELLE THOMAS' SERVICE TO THE LEESBURG COMMUNITY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, please allow me to take a moment to recognize the significant accomplishments of Michelle Thomas, a remarkable individual from my district. A pastor in Leesburg, Virginia, Mrs. Thomas has dedicated her life to community service, preserving African American culture, and, most importantly, to God.

Pastor Thomas is the first African American woman to establish a church in Loudoun County, the Holy and Whole Life Changing Ministries. Inspired by her upbringing in her father's Pentecostal church, Pastor Thomas decided to bring her message to the people of Loudoun. On November 19th, her ministry will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

One of Pastor Thomas' greatest achievements was her re-discovery of the Belmont

Slave Cemetery. The land she recently purchased for the expansion project of the Holy and Whole Life Changing Ministries sits atop what was once part of Thomas Lee's plantation. This discovery inspired her to create the Loudoun Freedom Center. The center is dedicated to protecting African American cultural sites, resources, and communities through preservation and education. In recognition of her efforts, she became the first African American woman to be appointed to the Loudoun County Heritage Commission.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in sending our most sincere congratulations to Pastor Michelle Thomas for her tireless dedication to her community and her faith. Her actions will have an incredible impact on the Loudoun community and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE HOPEWELL COMMUNITY CENTER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the 100 year celebration of the former Hopewell Congregational Methodist Church building. This building will become The Hopewell Community Center at McCord's Crossroads at the intersection of County Roads 16 and 29 in Cherokee County.

The church was built in 1916 and served its congregation for over 80 years before discontinuing services in 2000. The McCord's Crossroads Homemakers Club saw the potential for the building and in 2011, the church's Conference Board transferred the title of the building to the homemakers club. After a generous grant from the Coosa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, the building was moved from its original site to its current site today in 2014.

After much hard work and restoration from fundraisers and the community, the structure shines once again to serve the community for another 100 years.

On November 12, 2016, the community will celebrate the building and dedicate it as the new Hopewell Community Center at McCord's Crossroads.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 100 year celebration of this building and the future of The Hopewell Community Center.

HONORING RETIRED LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEO GRAY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mrs. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Retired Lieutenant Colonel Leo Gray.

As one of the original members of the Tuskegee Airmen, Retired Lieutenant Colonel Leo Gray enlisted in the military after high school and became a valued member of the air force, logging 750 hours as a pilot in World War II. His service and sacrifice helped to secure Allied victory in World War II.

Moreover, along with other members of the Tuskegee Airmen, he was a pioneer of the Civil Rights Movement; combatting discrimination in our armed forces and serving as role models as our nation's first African-American military aviators.

After his service in the air force, he continued to play a critical role in the Civil Rights Movement through the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., which provides scholarships for underrepresented minorities studying aviation and aerospace.

It is with great honor that I recognize Retired-Lieutenant Colonel Leo Gray, an American hero.

TRIBUTE TO TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Tippecanoe County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

The county lies in the north-central part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. Tippecanoe County was established on March 1, 1826, and it was named for a Miami people term "Kethitippecanoogi" meaning a "place of the succor fish people". The county is the largest-populated county in the 4th District, and it is best known as the home of Purdue University and for the 1811 Battle of Tippecanoe.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana's past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the thirty-three Legacy Projects to-date throughout the county include the Indiana Native American Indiana Affairs Commission, Fairfield Township, West Lafayette Parks and Recreation, Lilly Nature Center, Ivy Tech Community College—Lafayette, Purdue University, Indiana State Federation of Poetry Clubs, Lafayette School Corporation, The Society of Indiana Pioneers, Tippecanoe County 4-H Exhibit Association, Tippecanoe County Historical Association, West Lafayette Public Arts Team, NICHES Land Trust, Geography Educators Network of Indiana, Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild, The Archaeological Conservancy, Purdue University College of Agriculture, West Lafayette Tree Friends, Tippecanoe County Parks, Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, Monticello-Union Township Public Library, Morton Community Center, Dani M. Tippmann, Bach Chorale Singers, Inc., Catherine E. Mowery, Lafayette Symphony, Inc., Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette, Haan Mansion Museum of IN Art, Grounds Department—Physical Facilities Purdue University, Animalia, Inc., and the Tippecanoe County Public Library. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Tippecanoe County for the contribution of its residents to